

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating input management in a computerized environment, the system comprising:

an input manager for processing events received from at least two ~~an~~ input providers, wherein the input providers are registered with the input manager and the input providers provide input reports to the input manager for different types of input; ~~and~~

a staging area for holding events processed by the input manager and allowing access by external components; and

a promoter for promoting an event associated with a first registered input provider to an event associated with a second registered input provider.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the staging area comprises a stack of events created by the input manager.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising at least one filter for accessing the staging area, wherein the filters are configured to modify the staging area.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, further comprising a mouse filter, a keyboard filter, and a stylus filter.

5. (Original) The system of claim 3, further comprising user-defined filters for facilitating use of unknown input devices.

6. (Original) The system of claim 3, further comprising at least one monitor for monitoring manipulation of events in the staging area.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, further comprising a mouse monitor, a keyboard monitor, and a stylus monitor.

8. (Original) The system of claim 6, further comprising a user-defined monitor for association with an unknown input device.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each event in the staging area includes a dictionary for storing a state associated with the event.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein the ~~second type~~ of event associated with the second registered input provider inherits ~~the~~ a dictionary associated with the ~~first type of event~~ associated with the first registered input provider.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating input management in a computerized environment, the system comprising:

an input manager to register ~~an~~ at least two input providers;

a staging area including a stack of input events generated in response to the input provider;

a set of filters capable of accessing and manipulating the stack of input events;
~~and~~

a set of monitors capable of monitoring manipulation of the stack of events; and
a promoter for promoting an event associated with a first registered input provider to an event associated with a second registered input provider.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising an input management system for receiving input reports and transmitting the input reports to the staging area.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the set of filters comprises a mouse filter, a keyboard filter, and a stylus filter.

15. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the set of filters comprises at least one user-defined filter.

16. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the set of monitors comprises a mouse monitor, a keyboard monitor, and a stylus monitor.

17. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a dictionary associated with each event in the stack, wherein the dictionary stores and event state.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~18~~ 12, wherein the ~~second type~~ of event associated with the second registered input provider includes a dictionary inherited from the ~~first type of event~~ associated with the first registered input provider.

20-29. (Cancelled).

30. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating input management in a computerized environment, the system comprising:

registering ~~an~~ at least two input providers with a input manager;

operating a staging area including a stack of input events generated in response to the input provider;

accessing and manipulating the stack of input events using at least one filter; ~~and~~

monitoring manipulation of the stack of events using at least one monitor; and

promoting at least one event associated with a first registered input provider to an event associated with a second registered input provider.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising receiving an input report from the input provider and using in put report information to construct the stack.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising storing a dictionary for each event in the stack, wherein each dictionary defines an event state.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Canceled)

35. (Original) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 30.

36. (Cancelled).

37. (Cancelled).

38. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the promoted event associated with the second input provider includes a dictionary inherited from the event associated with the first input provider.